

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 21.

Please replace the paragraph beginning of page 5, line 23 with the following replacement paragraph:

--Figure [[6]] 5 shows a utilization diagram.--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 25 with the following replacement paragraph:

--Figure [[7]] 6 illustrates the tying in of the exemplary method according to the present invention into a product development process.--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 20 with the following replacement paragraph:

--Subsequently, in a step 44, the working up of the manufacturing concept may occur. In this connection, the manufacturing concept may be derived from the process graph while accounting for the specifications of the structure concept. The manufacturing concept may be represented as another ~~flow chart as shown, for example, in Figure 5, flow chart, in which~~ each element symbolizing symbolizes one resource.--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 17 with the following replacement paragraph:

--A utilization diagram is given as an example in Figure [[6]] 5. In it, a first area 150 denotes “no orders”, a second area 152 “working”, a third area 154 “down time” and a fourth area 156 “set up”.--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 20 with the following replacement paragraph:

--Figure [[7]] 6 shows the linking of preplanning into the product development process. Production preplanning may occur in parallel with product development. Consequently, the influencing control on product design from a point of view of manufacturing technology and assembly techniques may be ensured.--.